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NYS Election Update

This past Tuesday in a historic election nationwide for Democrats where they won both the House and Senate, in New York Governor Hochul and her running mate Adrienne Adams won by a margin exceeding 20%. Their victory marks the first time NY will have a female Governor and Lieutenant Governor at the same time. The Democrats gained veto-proof super majorities in both the Senate and Assembly as well. New York's 26 congressional districts were also on the ballot, with several competitive contests of note Representative Lawler (R) in NY-17 lost to Cait Conley (D) and in the closely watched NY-21 race for Elise Stefanik's former seat Republican Anthony Constantino has declared victory but the race has not yet been called officially though Constantino is expected to prevail.

To view all the NYS Congressional results please click here.

While some races are still too close to call election results at this time Democrats have gained at least six State Senate seats, with several additional contests still too close to call. In the Assembly, some races are still too close to call election results at this time, but Democrats are positioned to increase their majority from 103 seats to approximately 111 seats, depending on the outcome of outstanding races.

Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins said in a statement "This achievement reflects the strength of our diverse coalition, representing communities from our largest cities to our smallest towns, and our shared commitment to moving New York forward… At a time when Donald Trump's agenda threatens our fundamental rights and economic security, tonight's results reinforce the importance of standing up for working families and protecting the values we share,"

Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie Said, "This proves that New Yorkers believe we are on the right track -- investing in affordable, accessible childcare, housing and healthcare, as well as our schools and higher education systems, ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to climb the ladder of success,"

Below is a breakdown of the status of both the Senate and Assembly following election night.

<u>NYS Senate</u>
There are 13 New members of the state Senate, however a number of them were previously Assemblymembers. The six incoming members listed below are the six democrats who have definitively flipped the seat they won.

- Chris Murray (D): Flipped the 1st Senate District on Long Island from incumbent state Sen. Anthony Palumbo (R).
- Lisa Malkie Vider (D): Flipped the 9th Senate District on Long Island from incumbent state Sen. Patricia Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick.
- Larry He (D): Flipped the 17th Senate District in Brooklyn from incumbent state Sen. Steve Chan (R).
- Joseph Rand (D): Flipped the 38th Senate District in the lower Hudson Valley from incumbent state Sen. Bill Weber (R).
- Lisa Kaul (D): Flipped the 39th Senate District in the Hudson Valley from incumbent state Sen. Rob Rolison (R).
- Sarah Rogerson (D): Flipped the 44th Senate District in the Capital Region from incumbent state Sen. Jim Tedisco.

In the other races the incumbent's party kept the seat and most of the winners are members of the Assembly.

- Jake Blumencranz (R): Member of the Assembly. He defeated Rory Lancman (D) to succeed outgoing Sen. Jack Martins (R) in the 7th District on Long Island.
- Jarett Gandolfo (R): Member of the Assembly. He defeated Joshua Taveras (D) to succeed outgoing Sen. Alexis Weik (R) in the 8th Senate District.
- Chris Tague (R): Member of the Assembly. He defeated Michele Frazier (D) to succeed outgoing Sen. Peter Oberacker (R) in the 51st Senate District.

- Jessica Gonzalez-Rojas (D): Member of the Assembly. She defeated John Patrick Healy (R) to succeed outgoing Sen. Jessica Ramos (D), who she defeated in a primary for the 13th Senate District.
- Grace Lee (D): Member of the Assembly. She defeated Jason Murillo (R) to succeed outgoing Sen. Brian Kavanagh in the 27th Senate District.
- Jonathan Rivera (D): Member of the Assembly. He ran unopposed to succeed outgoing Sen. Jeremy Zellner, who he defeated in a primary for the 61st Senate District.
- Aber Kawas (D, DSA): She defeated Han-Kohn To (R) to fill the seat left vacant by former Senate Deputy Majority Leader Michael Gianaris (D) in the 12th Senate District.

There is one race that still remains too close to call but could result in a flip if Devin Lander (D) defeats incumbent state Senator Jake Ashby (R) in the 43rd Senate District. Senator Ashby currently leads Lander by 125 votes.

To view all the NYS Senate results please click here.

NYS Assembly

There are 38 new members coming to the state Assembly, some of whom will replace people just elected to the Senate. The following are the seats that were flipped from incumbents seeking reelection based on the latest results.

- Joshua Slaughter (D): Flipped the 3rd Assembly District on Long Island from incumbent Assemblyman Joe DeStefano (R).
- Joey Cohen-Saban (D): Flipped the 45th Assembly District in Brooklyn from incumbent Assemblyman Michael Novakhov (R).
- Chris McCreight (D): Flipped the 46th Assembly District in Brooklyn from incumbent Assemblyman Alec Brook-Krasny (R).
- Joyce Xie (D): Flipped the 49th Assembly District in Brooklyn from incumbent Assemblyman Lester Chang (R).
- Chloe Pierce (D): Flipped the 107th Assembly District in the Capital Region from incumbent Assemblyman Scott Bendett (R).

There are two other districts where Democrats lead Republican incumbents, but the race has not yet been called.

- Ian Phillips (D): Could flip the 126th Assembly District in central New York from incumbent Assemblyman John Lemondes (R). With Phillips leading by 943 votes currently.
- Ryan Taughrin (D): Could flip the 143rd Assembly District in western New York from incumbent Assemblyman Patrick Chludzinski (R). With Taughrin leading by 336 votes currently.

The three seats below also flipped and were open this election when the incumbent lawmakers retired.

- Craig Herskowitz (D): Flipped the 12th Assembly District on Long Island by defeating David Weber Jr. ® to succeed outgoing Assemblyman Keith Brown ®.
- Kim Keiserman (D): Flipped the 16th Assembly District on Long Island by defeating David Hassid ® to succeed outgoing Assemblyman Daniel Norber ®.
- Michael Gentile ®: Flipped the 119th Assembly District in Utica by defeating Jonathan Lipe (D) to succeed outgoing Assemblywoman Marianne Buttenschon (D).

Additionally, there are 28 new members who were elected to fill seats that were already held by their respective parties.

- Pesach Osina (D): Defeated Thomas Sullivan (R) to succeed outgoing Assemblywoman Stacey Pheffer Amato (D) in the 23rd Assembly District in Queens.
- Patrick Martinez (D): Defeated Brandon Castro (R) to succeed outgoing Assemblyman Steven Raga (D) in the 30th Assembly District in Queens.
- Nathaniel Hezekiah (D): Did not face a Republican opponent to succeed outgoing Assemblywoman Vivian Cook (D) in the 32nd Assembly District in Queens.
- Brian Romero (D): Ran unopposed to succeed Gonzalez-Rojas in the 34th Assembly District in Queens.
- Samantha Kattan (D, DSA): Ran unopposed to succeed U.S. Rep.-elect Claire Valdez in the 37th Assembly District in Queens.
- David Orkin (D, DSA): Defeated Ruben Cruz II (R) to succeed outgoing Assemblywoman Jenifer Rajkumar (D), who he defeated in a primary for the 38th Assembly District in Queens.
- Christian Celeste Tate (D, DSA): Ran unopposed to succeed outgoing Assemblyman Erik Dilan (D), who he defeated in a primary for the 54th Assembly District in Brooklyn.
- Eon Huntley (D, DSA): Ran unopposed to succeed outgoing Assemblywoman Stefani Zinerman (D), who he defeated in a primary for the 56th Assembly District in Brooklyn.
- Illapa Sairitupac (D, DSA): Defeated Helen Qiu (R) to succeed Lee in the 65th Assembly District in Manhattan.
- David Siffert (D): Ran unopposed to succeed outgoing Assemblywoman Deborah Glick (D) in the 66th Assembly District in Manhattan.
- Diana Ayala (D): Ran unopposed to succeed outgoing Assemblyman Eddie Gibbs, who she defeated in a primary for the 68th Assembly District in Manhattan.
- Eli Northrup (D): Ran unopposed to succeed U.S. Rep.-elect Micah Lasher (D) in the 69th Assembly District in Manhattan.
- Vanessa Aronson (D): Ran unopposed to succeed outgoing Assemblyman Alex Bores (D) in the 73rd Assembly District in Manhattan.

- Frank Jereis (D): Defeated John Isaac (R) to succeed outgoing Assemblyman Nader Sayegh (D) in the 90th Assembly District in Westchester County.
- Dan Norton (D): Defeated Lynn Parker (R) to succeed outgoing Assemblywoman Donna Lupardo (D) in the 123rd Assembly District in the Binghamton area.
- Maurice Brown (D, DSA): Defeated Shawn Fiato (R) to succeed outgoing Assemblyman Bill Magnarelli (D), who he defeated in a primary for the 129th Assembly District in the Syracuse area.
- Leah Halton-Pope (D): Ran unopposed to succeed outgoing Assembly Majority Leader Crystal Peoples-Stokes (D) in the 141st Assembly District in the Buffalo area. Halton-Pope is a former Peoples-Stokes staffer.
- Adam Bojak (D, DSA): Defeated Frank Bogulski (R) to succeed Rivera in the 149th Assembly District in the Buffalo area.
- Dawn Marie Kuhn (R): Defeated Patricia Kopp (D) to succeed Gandolfo in the 7th Assembly District on Long Island.
- Shannon Fredericks (R): Defeated John Brooks (D) to succeed outgoing Assemblyman David McDonough in the 14th District on Long Island.
- Paulo Pironi (R): Defeated Dean Tarulli (D) to succeed Blumencranz in the 15th Assembly District on Long Island.
- Marc Molinaro (R): Defeated Janet Tweed (D) to succeed Tague in the 102nd Assembly District along the Hudson Valley.
- Tammie Nabywaniec (R): Defeated Dennis Gordon (D) to succeed outgoing Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush (R) in the 117th Assembly District in the North Country.
- Heather Scribner (R): Defeated Colleen Maxwell (D) to succeed outgoing Assemblyman Robert Smullen (R) in the 118th Assembly District in the North Country.
- Jim Weatherup (R): Defeated Timothy Allers (D) to succeed outgoing Assemblyman Will Barclay in the 120th Assembly District in the Mohawk Valley.
- George Dobbins (R): Defeated Carl Fitzsimmons (D) to succeed outgoing Assemblyman Brian Manktelow (R) in the 130th Assembly District in western New York.
- Mark Benjamin (R): Defeated Philip Felming (D) to succeed outgoing Assemblyman Jeff Gallahan (R) in the 131st Assembly District in western New York.
- Becky Wydysh (R): Defeated Nate McMurray (D) to succeed outgoing Assemblyman Angelo Morinello in the 145th Assembly District in western New York.

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FY 2028 Quick Start Budget Meeting and Reports

The NYS Division of Budget, Senate Finance, Assembly Ways & Means, and the NYS Comptroller's Office have scheduled the FY 2028 Quick Start Budget Meeting to discuss revenue and disbursement estimates for FY 2028 on Monday, November 9 at 2:00 p.m., in 124 CAP.

FY 2028 Quick Start Budget Meeting
Monday, November 9, 2026, from 2:00 p.m., - 3:00 p.m. In room 124 CAP.
Webcast: https://vimeo.com/event/2656267

The Senate Majority Conference Finance Committee and the Assembly Ways and Means Committee have produced their QuickStart Reports pursuant to Chapter 1 of the Laws of 2007, which requires representatives of the Executive, Senate, Assembly, and Comptroller to meet on or before November 15 to review State financial and economic information and projections for the current and next State Fiscal Year (SFY).

The Senate Majority Conference Finance Committee staff conclude that the SFY 2026-27 projection for General Fund receipts, inclusive of miscellaneous receipts and net of dedicated transfers to other funds, will total $78.7 billion. This estimate represents an increase of $8.8 billion from SFY 2025-26 actuals. This estimate is $1.1 billion over the Executive estimate of $77.5 billion.

The SFY 2027-28 projection for General Fund receipts, inclusive of miscellaneous receipts and net of dedicated transfers to other funds, is $76.7 billion. This estimate represents a decrease of $1.9 billion from the committee staff's SFY 2026-27 estimate. This estimate is $1.1 billion over the Executive estimate of $75.6 billion.

The Assembly Majority Conference Ways and Means Committee staff find that New York State continues to maintain a strong fiscal position over the first six months of State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2026–27, supported by higher-than-expected tax collections and substantial cash balances. Although the State faces growing spending pressure, particularly in Medicaid and other essential public services, revenue collections have exceeded the Division of the Budget's (DOB) projections, strengthening the State's mid-year financial position.

As of September 30, 2026, the General Fund closing cash balance was $63.9 billion and the All Funds closing cash balance was $87.3 billion. As such, receipts currently exceed disbursements by $7.7 billion in the General Fund and $12.3 billion in All Funds.

To view the Senate QuickStart Report please click here.
To view the Assembly QuickStart Report please click here.

Executive Order Declaring A Disaster Emergency Due To The Ongoing Measles Outbreak Continued

Governor Hochul has extended her Executive Order initially issued on October 5th declaring a disaster emergency due to the ongoing measles outbreak. Today, the Governor extended the Executive Order (please see linked below) to December 4th maintaining the statutory and regulatory flexibilities contained in the initial order.

No. 65.1: Declaring a Disaster Emergency in the State of New York Due to an Ongoing Measles Outbreak | Governor Kathy Hochul | New York State

Pediatric Measles-Associated Death In Lewis County

The New York State Department of Health and Lewis County Public Health issued the following joint statement on the first known measles-associated death in New York State in more than 30 years:

"We are deeply saddened by the death of a child in Lewis County associated with the ongoing measles outbreak. We extend our heartfelt condolences to the child's family and loved ones and ask that their privacy be respected during this difficult time. Measles is a highly contagious disease that can cause serious complications and death. Vaccination is the best protection against measles. The Department has offered resources to Lewis County to assist with community outreach and support local vaccination efforts – both in response to this case, and as part of our ongoing efforts to support counties that are facing this ongoing measles outbreak. We urge New Yorkers to ensure they are up to date on measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccinations and speak to their healthcare provider about immunizations."

The Governor also issued a statement, "I am heartbroken to learn that a child in Lewis County has died after contracting measles. As a mother and grandmother, I cannot imagine what this family is going through. My heart goes out to everyone who knew and loved this child. Measles is highly contagious, and vaccination remains our best protection against this dangerous disease. This is New York's first measles-related death in 30 years, a devastating reminder of what's at stake when Washington deliberately erodes decades of progress in protecting Americans from preventable illnesses. In New York, we will continue to stand by proven public health measures and do everything we can to keep New Yorkers safe and healthy."

The news comes four weeks after Governor Hochul declared a State Disaster Emergency in response to the measles outbreak across areas of New York and neighboring states, expanding the pool of eligible individuals who can administer measles vaccines and providing swift access to additional resources if needed.

The Department is working with county health departments and local partners to provide the measles, mumps and rubella vaccine to any unvaccinated individuals who request it and to closely monitor and investigate all reported cases. Monitoring and investigation activities, such as contact tracing, are ways public health officials work to keep affected

communities safe from the spread of infectious diseases. Anyone who is contacted during these activities is encouraged to be responsive so that important information can be shared to prevent more infections.

As of October 24, there have been 178 total cases this year: 170 in New York State outside of the city, and eight in New York City.

All New Yorkers are urged to protect themselves by making sure they are up to date on their measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccines and be aware of health advisories if traveling with unvaccinated individuals, especially young children. The latest guidance issued during this outbreak recommends that infants 6 months and older receive an early dose of the MMR vaccine for protection before travel or if they are otherwise at risk of being exposed, such as residence in a community with measles transmission.

To view the Governors full statement please click here.
To view the full NYS DOH press release please click here.

Helpful Links and Resources
NYS Assembly FY28 QuickStart
NYS Senate FY28 QuickStart
FY 2027 Enacted Budget Financial Plan
Empire State Development Tariff Resource Guide
NYS COVID-19 Monitoring Dashboard
NYS COVID-19 Fatalities Tracker
Eliminating Distractions In Schools Resource
Center for Disease Control and Prevention
Department of Financial Services information and resources
New York COVID-19 Vaccine Information Page
Department of Health
https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/home
COVID-19 Guidance for Medicaid Providers
Office of Mental Health
https://omh.ny.gov/omhweb/covid-19-resources.html
OPWDD
https://opwdd.ny.gov/coronavirus-guidance
State Education Department
http://www.op.nysed.gov/COVID-19.html
NYS Department of Labor
https://dol.ny.gov/